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Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT :—" May I know whether the hon. the Home Member will call for the information ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— "Yes."

Mr. K. P. RAMAN MENON :—" May I ask how the Government say that there were no excesses by the police when they have received no reports one way or the other ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— "In the fortnightly reports the Government received there is no such incident mentioned."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" Why should Government say that they have no information ?"

Selection and resignation of Sub-Inspectors of Police.

*54 Q.—Mr. V. P. NARAYANAN NAMBIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of persons selected this year for training as Sub-Inspectors of Police;

(b) how many of these persons have resigned their posts; and

(c) the reasons for the resignations?

A.—(a) The sanctioned number is 89.

(b) & (c) The Government have no information.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether Government have received any protests about their treatment ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— "I have not received any."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Will the Government call for the information ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— "Yes, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" With reference to (a) the answer is 'the sanctioned number is 89.' Was the full number recruited? May I know how many are undergoing training now ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— "I have not got the information."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know why some have resigned and whether the hon. the Home Member will call for the reasons and place them on the table of the House ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— "I have already said that I will call for a report."

Forests

Orders on the report of the Chief Conservator of Forests.

*55 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what orders have been passed by the Government on the report of the Chief Conservator of Forests regarding the forest policy of Government?

A.—The question is under consideration.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—"May I know whether the report will be placed on the table of the House ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I will consider the suggestion."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—"May I know when the report will be considered and how long it will take for the Government to pass orders ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"The report was received some months ago and the Government are now considering the question. The Government will come to a conclusion in the course of a few days, say, a week, in all probability."

Classified species in the reserved forests, South Kanara district.

11-15 a.m. * 56 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether any orders have been passed in regard to the reduction in the number of classified species in the reserved forests in South Kanara as recommended by the Chief Conservator ?

A.—The Chief Conservator has proposed that the number of species proscribed from cutting should be reduced as an incentive for such panchayats as may be newly formed. But as no new panchayats have since been formed, there has been no occasion to reduce the list.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—"May I know whether Government will consider the desirability of reducing the number of classified species in the reserved forests in the interests of the people living near those reserved forests ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"The recommendation of the Chief Conservator is that if new panchayats are to be formed the number of species should be reduced. He does not consider it necessary to reduce it generally or even in the case of the old panchayats. The Government see no reason to differ from the recommendation of the Chief Conservator."

Jails

Diet in the jails from March to October 1930.

* 57 Q.—Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the diet given in each of the jails from March to October 1930 with special reference to boiled or raw rice and buttermilk ;

(*b*) whether there is a variation of diet between jail and jail, and if so, what is the reason for such variation ;

(*c*) what is the incidence of sickness in various jails in respect of each ailment or disease during the above period ;

(*d*) whether there has been an increase of dysentery or scurvy in any of the jails, and if so, what was the reason for such increase ;

(*e*) whether any of the prisoners have protested against the kind or quality of food supplied to them ; and

(*f*) in how many cases such defects were rectified ?